1. QUARK MODEL

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1.1. Quantum numbers of the quarks

Quarks are strongly interacting fermions with spin 1/2 and, by convention, positive parity. Antiquarks have negative parity. Quarks have the additive baryon number 1/3, antiquarks -1/3. Table 14.1 gives the other additive quantum numbers (flavors) for the three generations of quarks. They are related to the charge Q (in units of the elementary charge e) through the generalized Gell-Mann-Nishijima formula

$$\mathsf{Q} = \mathsf{I}_z + \frac{\mathcal{B} + \mathsf{S} + \mathsf{C} + \mathsf{B} + \mathsf{T}}{2} \ , \tag{1.1}$$

where $\mathcal{B}$ is the baryon number. The convention is that the *flavor* of a quark (I_z, S, C, B, or T) has the same sign as its *charge* Q. With this convention, any flavor carried by a charged meson has the same sign as its charge, *e.g.*, the strangeness of the K^+ is $+1$, the bottomness of the B^+ is $+1$, and the charm and strangeness of the D_s^- are each -1. Antiquarks have the opposite flavor signs.

1.2. Mesons

Mesons have baryon number $\mathcal{B} = 0$. In the quark model, they are $q\overline{q}\,'$ bound states of quarks q and antiquarks $\overline{q}\,'$ (the flavors of q and q' may be different). If the orbital angular momentum of the $q\overline{q}\,'$ state is ℓ, then the parity P is $(-1)^{\ell+1}$. The meson spin J is given by the usual relation $|\ell - s| \leq J \leq |\ell + s|$, where s is 0 (antiparallel quark spins) or 1 (parallel quark spins). The charge conjugation, or C-parity $C = (-1)^{\ell+s}$, is defined only for the $q\bar{q}$ states made of quarks and their own antiquarks. The C-parity can be generalized to the G-parity $G = (-1)^{I+\ell+s}$ for mesons made of quarks and their own antiquarks (isospin $\mathsf{I}_z = 0$), and for the charged $u\bar{d}$ and $d\bar{u}$ states (isospin $\mathsf{I} = 1$).

The mesons are classified in J^{PC} multiplets. The $\ell = 0$ states are the pseudoscalars (0^{-+}) and the vectors (1^{--}). The orbital excitations $\ell = 1$ are the scalars (0^{++}), the axial vectors (1^{++}) and (1^{+-}), and the tensors (2^{++}). Assignments for many of the known mesons are given in Tables 14.2 and 14.3. Radial excitations are denoted by the principal quantum number n. The very short lifetime of the t quark makes it likely that bound-state hadrons containing t quarks and/or antiquarks do not exist.

States in the natural spin-parity series $P = (-1)^J$ must, according to the above, have $s = 1$ and hence, $CP = +1$. Thus, mesons with natural spin-parity and $CP = -1$ $(0^{+-}, 1^{-+}, 2^{+-}, 3^{-+}$, *etc.*) are forbidden in the $q\bar{q}\,'$ model. The $J^{PC} = 0^{--}$ state is forbidden as well. Mesons with such *exotic* quantum numbers may exist, but would lie outside the $q\bar{q}\,'$ model (see section below on exotic mesons).

Following SU(3), the nine possible $q\bar{q}\,'$ combinations containing the light u, d, and s quarks are grouped into an octet and a singlet of light quark mesons:

$$\mathbf{3} \otimes \overline{\mathbf{3}} = \mathbf{8} \oplus \mathbf{1} \ . \tag{1.2}$$

A fourth quark such as charm c can be included by extending SU(3) to SU(4). However, SU(4) is badly broken owing to the much heavier c quark. Nevertheless, in an SU(4) classification, the sixteen mesons are grouped into a 15-plet and a singlet:

$$\mathbf{4} \otimes \overline{\mathbf{4}} = \mathbf{15} \oplus \mathbf{1} \ . \qquad (1.3)$$

The *weight diagrams* for the ground-state pseudoscalar (0^{-+}) and vector (1^{--}) mesons are depicted in Fig. 14.1. The light quark mesons are members of nonets building the middle plane in Fig. 14.1(a) and (b).

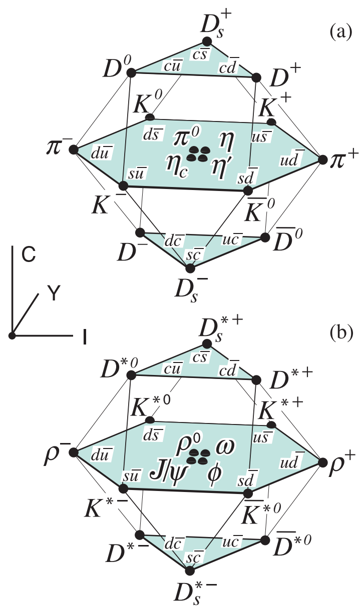

Figure 1.1: SU(4) weight diagram showing the 16-plets for the pseudoscalar (a) and vector mesons (b) made of the u, d, s, and c quarks as a function of isospin I, charm C, and hypercharge $\mathsf{Y} = \mathsf{S}{+}\mathcal{B} - \frac{\mathsf{C}}{3}$. The nonets of light mesons occupy the central planes to which the $c\bar{c}$ states have been added.

Isoscalar states with the same J^{PC} will mix, but mixing between the two light quark isoscalar mesons, and the much heavier charmonium or bottomonium states, are generally assumed to be negligible.

1.3. Baryons: qqq states

Baryons are fermions with baryon number $\mathcal{B} = 1$, *i.e.*, in the most general case, they are composed of three quarks plus any number of quark - antiquark pairs. Although recently some experimental evidence for $(qqqq\bar{q})$ pentaquark states has been claimed (see review on Possible Exotic Baryon Resonance), so far all established baryons are 3-quark (qqq) configurations. The color part of their state functions is an SU(3) singlet, a completely antisymmetric state of the three colors. Since the quarks are fermions, the state function must be antisymmetric under interchange of any two equal-mass quarks (up and down quarks in the limit of isospin symmetry). Thus it can be written as

$$|\, qqq \,\rangle_A = |\, \text{color} \,\rangle_A \times |\, \text{space, spin, flavor} \,\rangle_S \ , \qquad (1.21)$$

where the subscripts S and A indicate symmetry or antisymmetry under interchange of any two equal-mass quarks. Note the contrast with the state function for the three nucleons in ^{3}H or ^{3}He:

$$|\,NNN\,\rangle_A = |\,\text{space, spin, isospin}\,\rangle_A \ . \tag{1.22}$$

This difference has major implications for internal structure, magnetic moments, *etc.*

The "ordinary" baryons are made up of u, d, and s quarks. The three flavors imply an approximate flavor SU(3), which requires that baryons made of these quarks belong to the multiplets on the right side of

$$\mathbf{3} \otimes \mathbf{3} \otimes \mathbf{3} = \mathbf{10}_S \oplus \mathbf{8}_M \oplus \mathbf{8}_M \oplus \mathbf{1}_A \ . \tag{1.23}$$

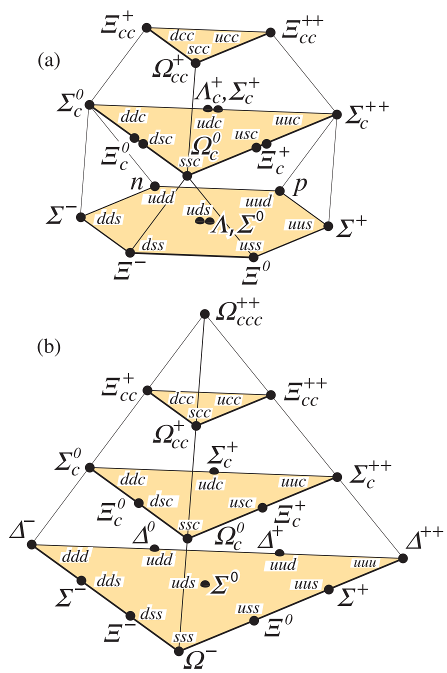

Figure 1.2: SU(4) multiplets of baryons made of u, d, s, and c quarks. (a) The 20-plet with an SU(3) octet. (b) The 20-plet with an SU(3) decuplet.

Here the subscripts indicate symmetric, mixed-symmetry, or antisymmetric states under interchange of any two quarks. The **1** is a uds state (Λ_1), and the octet contains a similar state (Λ_8). If these have the same spin and parity, they can mix. The mechanism is the same as for the mesons (see above). In the ground state multiplet, the SU(3) flavor singlet Λ_1 is forbidden by Fermi statistics. Section 41, on "SU(3) Isoscalar Factors and Representation Matrices," shows how relative decay rates in, say, $\mathbf{10} \to \mathbf{8} \otimes \mathbf{8}$ decays may be calculated. The addition of the c quark to the light quarks extends the flavor symmetry to SU(4). However, due to the large mass of the c quark, this symmetry is much more strongly broken than the SU(3) of the three light quarks. Figures 1.2(a) and 1.2(b) show the SU(4) baryon multiplets that have as their bottom levels an SU(3) octet, such as the octet that includes the nucleon, or an SU(3) decuplet, such as the decuplet that includes the $\Delta(1232)$. All particles in a given

SU(4) multiplet have the same spin and parity. The charmed baryons are discussed in more detail in the "Note on Charmed Baryons" in the Particle Listings. The addition of a b quark extends the flavor symmetry to SU(5); the existence of baryons with t-quarks is very unlikely due to the short lifetime of the top.

For further details, see the full *Review of Particle Physics*.